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Honorable Katherine B. Forrest
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: JAMES ABRAHAM, et al. v. RICHARD AQUILONE, JR.

**RICHARD AQUILONE, JR. v. NYWT SHARK LLC and NYWT CIRCLE LINE LLC
d/b/a CIRCLE LINE DOWNTOWN as Owners and Operators of the Motor Vessel
SHARK, *In Personam*, and the M/V SHARK, *In Rem*.**

Venue: United States District Court, Southern District of New York

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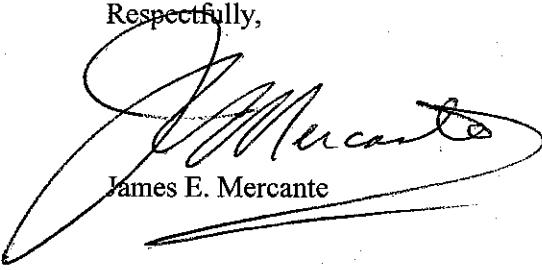
Dear Judge Forrest:

We are counsel for defendant and third-party plaintiff, RICHARD AQUILONE, JR., in the above captioned admiralty personal-injury matter. We hereby submit this letter per Judge P. Kevin Castel's order of November 18, 2011 understanding that the case is now assigned to Your Honor.

We disagree with third-party defendants arguments in their letter of November 17, 2011, and we look forward to addressing this matter before your honor. Furthermore, we do not object to counsel for third-party defendants request to attend the conference on November 28, 2011 on a so-called 'without prejudice' basis.

Respectfully,

James E. Mercante



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